

of 1783, several of the Loomis family emigrated to the States of Vermont and New York, and their descendants at the present time are found in nearly every county of the latter State. Early in the present century, and particularly after the war of 1812, several of the Loomis family removed to New Connecticut, and their descendants are now found in considerable numbers in all parts of Ohio, but particularly in the northern portion. Within the past forty years, the Loomis family has followed the grand tide of emigration westward, and representatives of Joseph Loomis are now to be found in all of the States formerly known as the "Free States," and a few are to be found in the States formerly known as the "Slave States."

In the following genealogy I have aimed to include *all* the descendants of Joseph Loomis of Braintree, England, who have retained the family name. No attempt has been made to enumerate the descendants of the daughters, who are known by other names than Loomis. It is not claimed that this list of descendants is complete. I have collected some additional names of persons who are presumed to be descendants of Joseph Loomis, but whose connection with him I have not yet been able satisfactorily to establish. It is hoped that future researches may enable us to recover most of the names which are now deficient in this record.

*Unfounded traditions.*—In my numerous visits with members of the Loomis family, I have met with a considerable number of traditions respecting the first settlement in this country which are either very inaccurate or entirely erroneous. One statement which I have repeatedly seen is the following: "Joseph Loomis (then spelled Lomas), wife and children, left Plymouth, Eng., in the ship *Mary and John*, March 20, 1634, and landed at or near Boston, Mass., May 30."

This statement is entirely untrue, and contains a jumble of facts and dates derived in part from the history of other settlers in Windsor. On the 20th of March, 1630, a company of 160 persons, including Rev. John Warham, afterwards the first minister of Windsor, embarked at Plymouth, Eng., in the ship *Mary and John*, a vessel of 400 tons burden, and landed at Nantasket, near Boston, May 30th. But it is established that Joseph Loomis and his family did not come over until 1638, and the first record which can be found of his name in Connecticut is dated Feb. 2, 1640, when he bought a piece of land at Windsor.